

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

THIRTY WORLD HEROES.

There is no more inspiring reading than a good biography. A life story speaks directly to other lives. We gather strength from reading of the struggles and achievements, the battles and victories of others. "Nobleness enkindles nobleness"; power quickens courage to dare and do.

Sometimes the chance reading of a certain biography changes the entire course of a person's life. A new point of view is gained; a sense of values is established. In extending our interests we enlarge our sympathies and understanding, and open new doors to opportunity.

One of the best approaches to history is the very human way of learning to know some of the representative men of different periods and various phases of effort. Carlyle has said truly that "the history of what man has accomplished in this world is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here."

In the selection made for this course of 30 names from the shining list of the leaders of men through the ages, the aim has been to present a series of life stories that are interesting and inspiring in themselves and that illustrate distinct steps in the progress of man in his struggle for freedom—freedom from enslavements of many kinds. The leaders of thought like Socrates and St. Paul who break the bonds of ignorance and superstition stand here with the master minds—Dante, Shakespeare, Molière, and Goethe, who quicken the imagination and broaden our comprehension of the manifold phases of human existence. Lovers of humanity like Francis of Assisi, Florence Nightingale, Elizabeth Frye, and Count Tolstoi, who set free our sympathies, are placed side by side with men of action like Alexander, Cæsar, and William of Orange who leveled the barriers between nations and national prejudices. Disciples of pure science like Galileo and Darwin rank with lovers of ideal beauty like Michael Angelo. In the mighty company of those who opened new doors to the human spirit, we could not fail to place the Great Teacher—the Master "whose service is perfect freedom"—believing that those who come to understand the meaning of His humanity will the more surely feel the power of His divinity.

In many cases a reference is first given to a brief or popular biography and second to a more complete treatment for those who will read more.

In preparing this list of books, the Bureau of Education has had the assistance of Mary R. Parkman.

A certificate signed by the Commissioner of Education and bearing the seal of the United States will be given to any person who gives satisfactory evidence of having read one or the other of the two books designated for each hero.

Evidence required.—(1) Each course must be completed within three years of date of enrollment. (2) The reader must notify the bureau *at the time* each book is begun. (3) When each book is finished, the reader must send a summary of the same. (4) This summary must include important incidents in at least three periods of the life of the person whose biography has been read.

Credit will not be given for reading done previous to enrollment.

By application to local or State libraries readers may be able to borrow these books. The bureau does not furnish them.

In writing about this course, please address the Bureau of Education and refer to it as the Home Education Division, Reading Course No. 7, or as Thirty World Heroes.

THIRTY WORLD HEROES.

1. Moses.
Exodus and Deuteronomy. Modern Readers' Bible. Macmillan Co., New York. 60 cents each.
2. Socrates.
Dialogues and Discourses of Plato. Vol. 2. E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents. (Includes Xenophon's Memorabilia.)
Socrates. By J. T. Forbes. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50
3. Alexander.
Alexander the Great. By Benjamin Ide Wheeler. G. P. Putnam, New York. \$1.50
4. Julius Cæsar.
Seven Roman Statesmen. By C. W. C. Oman. Longmans Green & Co., New York. \$1.75
Life of Julius Cæsar. By W. Warde Fowler. G. P. Putnam, New York. \$1.50
5. Jesus Christ.
The Syrian Christ. By A. M. Rihbany. Houghton Mifflin, Boston. \$1.75
Harmony of the Gospels. By Stevens and Burton. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.25
6. St. Paul.
St. Paul the Traveller and Roman Citizen. By W. M. Ramsey. G. P. Putnam, New York. \$3
7. Marcus Aurelius.
Golden Book of Marcus Aurelius. E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents.
Marcus Aurelius and the Later Stoics. By F. W. Bussell. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50

8. St. Augustine.
Confessions. (Autobiography.) E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents.
9. Mohammed.
Heroes and Hero Worship. Thomas Carlyle. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 50 cents.
Mohammed and His Power. By P. DeLacy Johnston. Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50
10. Alfred the Great.
Story of King Alfred. By Walter Besant. D. Appleton, New York. 50 cents.
Life and Times of Alfred the Great. By Charles Plummer. Oxford University Press, New York. \$2
11. Joan of Arc.
Jeanne D'Arc. By E. M. Wilmot-Buxton. Frederick Stokes, New York. 75 cents.
Joan of Arc. By Mark Twain. Harper Bros., New York. \$2.50
12. Dante.
Makers of Florence. By Mrs. Oliphant. A. L. Burt, New York. 75 cents.
Vision of Dante Alighieri. E. P. Dutton, New York. 50 cents.
13. Michael Angelo.
Makers of Florence. By Mrs. Oliphant. A. L. Burt, New York. 75 cents.
Michel Angelo. By Romain Rolland. Translated by Frederick Street. Duffield & Co., New York. \$2.50
14. St. Francis of Assisi.
Everybody's St. Francis. By Maurice F. Egan. Century Co., New York. \$2.50
Life of Francis of Assisi. By Paul Sabatier. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$2.50
15. William of Orange.
William the Silent. By A. M. Miall. Frederick Stokes, New York. 75 cents.
Rise of the Dutch Republic. By Motley. 3 vols. E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents each.
16. Galileo.
Great Astronomers. By Sir Robert S. Ball. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. \$1.50
17. Shakespeare.
Shakespeare, His Mind and Art. By Edward Dowden. Harper Bros., New York. \$1.75
Life of Shakespeare. By W. J. Rolfe. The Page Co., Boston. \$3
18. Molière.
Molière, His Life and Works. By Brander Matthews. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$2
19. Cromwell.
Life of Cromwell. By Theodore Roosevelt. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$2
20. Napoleon.
History of Napoleon Bonaparte. By J. G. Lockhart. E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents.
Napoleon, Warrior and Ruler. By William O'Connor Morris. G. P. Putnam, New York. \$1.50

21. Pestalozzi.
Pestalozzi, His Life and Work. By DeGuimps. D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$1.60
22. Goethe.
Life of Goethe. By George Henry Lewes. E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents.
23. Rousseau.
Rousseau and Naturalism in Life and Thought. By William Henry Hudson. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. \$1.50
24. Darwin.
Life and Letters. By Francis Darwin. D. Appleton & Co., New York. 2 vols. \$5
25. Scott.
More Than Conquerors. By Ariadne Gilbert. Century Co., New York. \$1.35
Life of Scott. By J. G. Lockhart. E. P. Dutton, New York. 60 cents.
26. Livingstone.
More Than Conquerors. By Ariadne Gilbert. Century Co., New York. \$1.35
Personal Life of David Livingstone. By W. Garden Blaikie. Fleming H. Revell, New York. 60 cents.
27. Florence Nightingale.
Life of Florence Nightingale. By Laura E. Richards. D. Appleton & Co., New York. \$1.35
Life of Florence Nightingale. By Sarah A. Tooley. Macmillan, New York. \$2
28. Elizabeth Frye.
Story of Elizabeth Frye. By Laura E. Richards. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. \$1
29. Pasteur.
More Than Conquerors. By Ariadne Gilbert. Century Co., New York. \$1.35
Life of Pasteur. By Rene Vallery-Radot. Trans. by R. L. Devonshire. Doubleday, Page & Co., Garden City, N. Y. \$3
30. Tolstoi.
Tolstoi, the Man and His Message. By Edward A. Steiner. F. H. Revell, New York. \$1.50
Reminiscences. By Ilya Tolstoi. Century Co., New York. \$2.50

GOOD COLLECTIVE BIOGRAPHIES.

- Heroes and Hero Worship. By Thomas Carlyle.
Representative Men. By Emerson. A. L. Part Co., New York. 75 cents.
Heroes and Saints to the End of the Middle Ages. By George Hodges. Henry Holt & Co., New York. \$1.35
Saints and Heroes Since the Middle Ages. By George Hodges. Henry Holt & Co., New York. \$1.35
More Than Conquerors. By Ariadne Gilbert. Century Co., New York. \$1.35
Heroes of To-day. By M. R. Parkman. Century Co., New York. \$1.35